

**MINUTES**  
**BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup> , 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 5:30 p.m. with Board Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners: David Mitchell, Wayne Thorburne, Virginia Oickle, Fay Patey, Darren Lipsett and Jennifer McDonald.

Also present: Chief Scott Feener, Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, and Commission Recording Secretary, Patty Sleep

## **ORDER**

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Addition - Invitation to attend 2019 Law Enforcement Roundtable on Drugs

**19-010** Moved by Commissioner McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Lipsett to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

Training opportunity not offered.

## **MINUTES**

**19-011** Moved by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell the Minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

### **CAPG**

CAPG February webinar *Autism Awareness* as well as March webinar *CACP: Priorities for the Future & Partnering with CAPG* are now available for viewing through archives .

The CAPG 2019 Annual Convention will be held in Calgary August 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Board Chair David Walker expressed interested in attending.

The agenda for this event looks very interesting and includes a session on Strategic planning. Other Board members who would like to attend, let David know. The Board will decide, at a later date, how many will attend.

### **NSAPG**

The NSAPG & NSCPA joint conference will be held at the Old Orchard Inn in September. Please submit your name if you are interested in attending.

Board Chair, David Walker attended the NSAPG Board meeting today in Truro. Minutes will be circulated to Bridgewater Board, once available.

### **Memo – SSRH Calls for Service**

**doc # 19-005**

As a result of an internal audit, a Memo was circulated to members in regards to calls for service to the SS Regional Hospital.

In 2018, a total of forty calls were tallied. Busy months included April, July and September with majority of calls coming in during the afternoon.

Q. What is the time frame for each call?

A. Depends on the type of call; can range from 10 minutes to 3 hours.

Billing the Department of health an option should be discussed at the spring workshop.

The Deputy Chief has been keeping track of this type of call, whether it is a police matter or not, as well as number of man-hours. There has been a slight improvement since the working group has been put into place, therefore, it appears things are moving in the right direction.

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**Radio Proposal email** **doc # 19-006**

The TMR radios currently being used have reached their shelf life. BPS will soon longer be able to purchase replacement parts. This Capital Budget item will need to be considered in approximately two years.

The radio upgrade/purchase was discussed at the NS Chiefs meeting last week. There may be an opportunity to purchase surplus radios from the Province. Chief Feener will update the Board as new info becomes available on whether or not this will be an option.

**DOJ Email to Deputy** **doc # 19-008**

An email sent to Deputy Chief MacPhee from Sharon Flanagan of Department of Justice was shared with Board members. The note compliments the members of BPS.

**Memo Re: Dept of Justice Audit Update** **doc# 19-007**

The audit completed by DOJ which focused on Sexual Assault Investigations was completed in 2017 and released in 2018.

The seven recommendations identified various deficiencies; all of which have been addressed as outlined in the Memo from the Chief.

**Use of Force Quarterly** **doc # 19-012**

The Use of Force Quarterly report covering the period of December 2018 to February 2019 was circulated.

At the end of each quarter, statistics are submitted to the Department of Justice, as mandated by the Province.

**DRE Statistics** **doc # 19-013**

Drug impaired driving statistics for the years 2017 and 2018 received from the DRE (Drug Recognition Expert).

The stats were discussed very briefly.

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## **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

### **BPS Community Room Renaming Event**

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Angela McGinnis requested the even date change from February 2019 to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 due to family flying in. Chief Feener is not available on this date. He will discuss with Angela and get back to the group.

### **BPS Business Survey**

***doc # 19-015***

The BPS Business survey circulated to members for their review.

Close to 500 people completed the 38 question survey which provided great feedback.

Chief Feener reviewed and highlighted a few key points. It was clear from the results,, members of the general public were unsure/unfamiliar on a number of topics.

The Board suggested 'Talk Bridgewater Police' as well as the Strategic Plan as methods to educate and promote various programs offered.

Pop-ups on our facebook page, website and other social media sites with pictures and fun facts may also be helpful. This is timely, as Patrick Hirtle and Evan Newton are currently revamping our website to create a better social presence.

The Chief will inform CKBW about survey results tomorrow for broadcasting.

### **By-Laws/Strategic Plan Update**

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The BPS Business Survey is now complete, which gives the group information needed to move forward with a Strategic Plan.

Commissioners Virginia Oickle, Wayne Thorburne and Fay Patey will form the subcommittee to discuss Commission By-Law. Once complete, the development of the Strategic Plan will follow.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BPS January Report** **doc # 19-011**

January report circulated to members.

**February Report** **doc # 19-014**

February report circulated to members.

No discussion

### **Invitation to attend law enforcement on drugs**

Board members have been invited to attend the Law Enforcement Roundtable on Drugs to be hosted in Halifax on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Details about this event as well as contact and registration information was distributed.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the BPS Community Room.

## **SUNDRY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**19-012**                      Moved by Commissioner Oickle to adjourn the March 7<sup>th</sup> , 2019 Regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners. MOTION CARRIED.

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Patty Sleep  
Recording Secretary

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David Walker  
Board Chair